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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

November 20, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

We request that you ask the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency to study whether or not we should procure more than 100 B-1Bs for the purpose of serving as reconnaissance platforms. Most of our older bomber types had reconnaissance variants. We can recall the RB-29, the RB-50, the RB-36, the RB-47, and even the RB-70.

The Department of Defense might also look into buying more B-1Bs for other special purposes, such as anti-ship missions, electronic warfare, and special operations.

We thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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